Vao language

Vao is an Austronesian language of the Oceanic branch spoken by about 1,900 people on Vao Island and on the nearby shores of Malakula Island, Vanuatu.[3]

Characteristics

Vao is one of the few languages of the world that possesses linguolabial consonants [4].

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Region	Vao Island and northern Malakula, Vanuatu
Native speakers	1,900 (2001)[1]
Language family	Austronesian ■ Malayo-Polynesian ■ Oceanic ■ Southern Oceanic ■ Central Vanuatu ■ Malakula ■ Northern ■ **Vao**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	vao
Glottolog	vaoo1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/vaoo1237)[2]

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